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In re Application of:

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For: METHODS OF DETERMINING THE  
PRESENCE OF  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES EMPLOYING  
AMPLIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

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**RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2002.

**REMARKS**

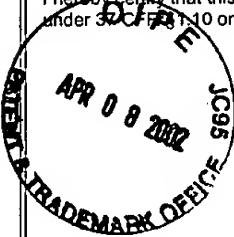
Claims 1-68 are pending in the application.

**Restriction/Election Requirement**

The Examiner restricted the invention to one of two different groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121. See Office Action of March 8, 2002, at page 2. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-50 and 68.

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